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REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. At its first plenary meeting held on 1 March 1999, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee of nine members. Its composition was based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fifty-third session, which consisted of the following member States: China; Fiji; Jamaica; Mali; New Zealand; Russian Federation; United States of America; Venezuela and Zimbabwe. Should any of the above States not be represented at the Conference, the regional group concerned would be requested to nominate a replacement. Accordingly, the Credentials Committee was composed of Australia; Benin; Brazil; China; Haiti; Mozambique; Philippines; Russian Federation; United States of America.

2. The Committee held its meeting on 11 March 1999 and unanimously elected Ms. Sama Payman (Australia) as Chairman.

3. Credentials, in conformity with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, had been received for all the representatives participating in the Conference.

4. The Committee found these credentials to be in due and proper form and recommends that they be accepted.